

ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS

Councilman's Eligibility Before
the Court of Appeals.

EARLY HEARING EXPECTED

News of Fraternities—Masons to Ob-
serve St. John's Day—Gen-
eral and Personal.

Special Correspondence of The Star.
ALEXANDRIA, Va., December 26, 1913.
The quo warranto proceedings instituted in the corporation court for this city January 25 last by six members of the common council to oust City Councilman Julian W. Williams of the second ward from his seat in that body on the ground that he is a resident of Alexandria county, will shortly be argued before the state court of appeals in Richmond.

The court will convene January 26 and will first take up the case known as No. 26 on the docket. The Williams case is known as No. 26, and it will, therefore, probably be argued about February 8.

Mr. Williams will be represented by Attorney G. L. Booth and Attorney S. G. Brent will appear on behalf of the six councilmen who instituted the proceedings, who are known as the relators.

The term of Mr. Williams as a member of the council from the second ward will not expire until September 1, 1914.

The case of Mr. Williams was heard before a jury in the corporation court February 13 last, and the jury returned a verdict sustaining the quo warranto proceedings charging him with being a resident of Alexandria county. Afterward the state court of appeals granted a writ of error in the case.

Among the Fraternities.
James W. Jackson, Council Junior Order of United American Mechanics, at its annual meeting held last night elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: Harvey L. Baker, councilor; W. F. Baker, Jr., vice councilor; S. A. Forrest, recording secretary; E. S. Travers, assistant recording secretary; Charles R. Herbert, financial secretary; R. L. Merchant, treasurer; James (Graham) conductor; W. F. Baker, Jr., guard; J. F. Ditty, Jr., inside sentinel; J. F. Pettigrew, W. F. Baker and E. S. Travers, trustees for eighteen, twelve and six months, respectively.

Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons will observe St. John's day with appropriate exercises at a meeting to be held tomorrow evening. The annual election of officers will take place.

Officers will be elected tonight by Virginia Consistory, No. 2, Scottish Rite Masons.

Alexander Canton, No. 1, Patriarchs Militant, will hold a meeting Monday night for the purpose of electing general officers.

Mount Vernon Council, Daughters of America, will hold its regular business meeting tonight in the Elks' building.

Quiet Prevalents Christmas Day.

Not a single arrest was made by the police all day yesterday. Veteran members of the force reported that the Christmas anniversary was one of the most quiet they ever experienced.

Continuous downpour of rain resulted in most Alexandrians spending the holiday indoors.

Three arrests were made shortly before 2 o'clock yesterday for disorderly conduct. The prisoners were young white men, and two of them forfeited collateral, while the third was acquitted in court today.

A "the-dams" will be given New Year afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock in the auditorium of Elks' Home. The proceeds of the affair will be for the benefit of the needy children of the city.

Patronesses will be Mrs. M. A. Smoot, Jr.; Mrs. D. J. Howell, Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, Mrs. C. E. Nicol, Mrs. Gardner L. Dodge, Mrs. Hugh McGinnis, Mrs. J. S. Douglas, Mrs. John M. Johnson, Mrs. T. Marshall Jones and Mrs. Taylor Burke.

Train's Victim Unidentified.

A coroner's jury summoned by Justice Arthur Kirby of Fairfax county, assembled at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and held an inquest over the body of an unidentified colored man that was found beside the railroad track at Cameron crossing, west of here, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The jury gave a verdict that he came to his death by being struck by a northbound train over the Washington-Southern railway. There were no papers in the man's clothing by which the body could be identified.

The skull was badly crushed and one arm and one leg were mangled. The body was removed to Deland's undertaker establishment, where it is being held awaiting identification. The dead man was between thirty-five and forty years old. His clothing indicated that he had been a laborer.

Reuben Hicks Suffers Injury.

Struck by the pilot of a Washington-Southern railway train at Cherry Hill, Fairfax county, Reuben Hicks, sixty-five years old, a resident of that place, was badly bruised, although the bones were broken. He was placed aboard a train and brought here and taken to the Alexandria Hospital, where his injuries were treated by Dr. W. M. Smith.

Real Estate Sales.

William E. Norton and wife have sold to Caleb E. Roberts two two-story frame houses on the west side of Washington street between Wythe and Madison streets, known as 126 and 128 North Washington street.

Clara H. Collins has sold to Katie N. Smith a house and lot at the southeast corner of Henry and Princess streets.

Deeds of transfer in both of the foregoing transactions were recorded today.

Briefs.

A chimney fire at 9:20 o'clock last night called the fire department to the vicinity of the shipyard. Its services were not needed.

Grace Episcopal and M. E. South Sunday schools will hold their Christmas celebrations tonight at 7 and 7:30 o'clock, respectively. The Immortal Theater Sunday school celebrated last night.

Mrs. Graham, wife of Councilman R. M. Graham, suffered a fall at her home at Rosemont several days ago, fracturing her arm.

AN UNKNOWN TONGUE.

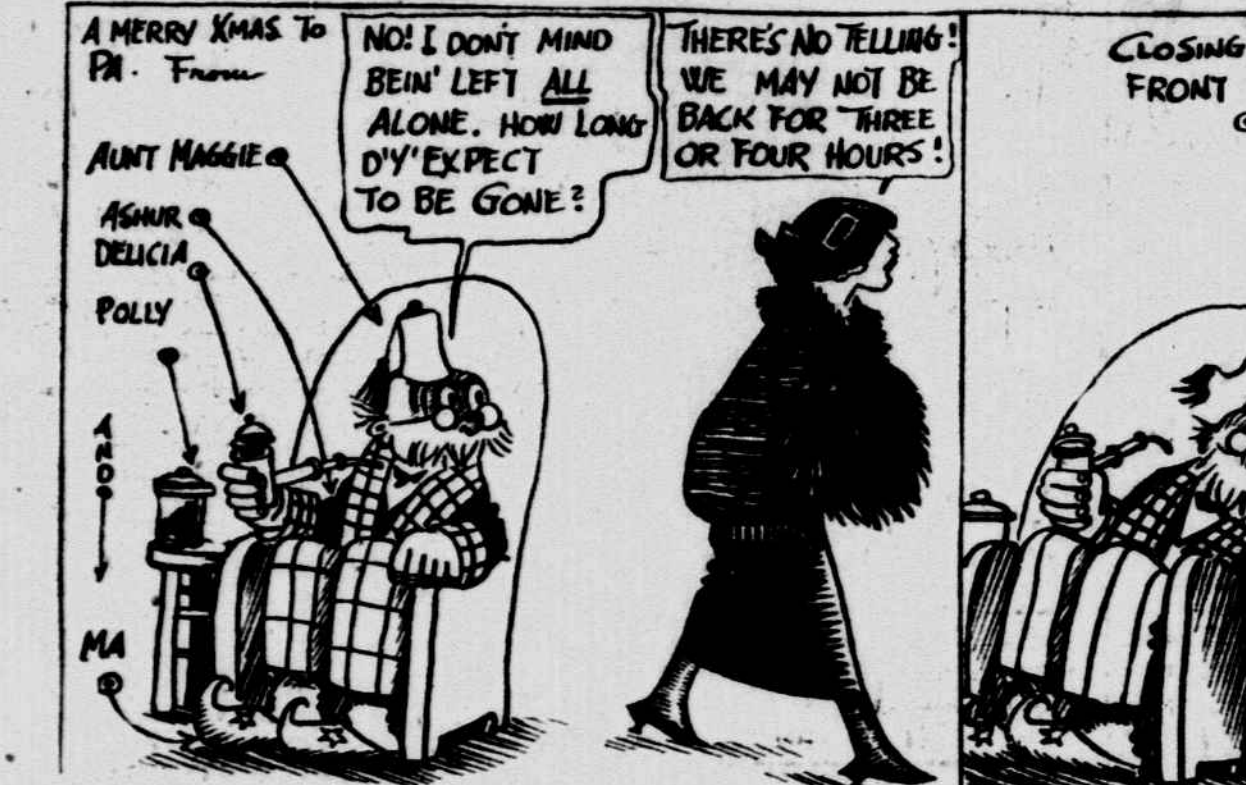
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POLLY AND HER PALS



SCENE OF LABOR RIOT UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Los Angeles Police Raid I. W. W. Quarters for Clubs and Other Weapons.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., December 26.—The historic plaza district in the older section of Los Angeles, where a riot among unemployed men resulted in the death of one man and the injury of more than a dozen others late yesterday afternoon, was practically placed under martial law by the police today.

A cord of paratroopers surrounded the district, searching for weapons on all who attempted to pass, while city detectives hunted the Mexican quarter nearby for information concerning the reported death of two more rioters.

During the night the police raided every restaurant, saloon, pool hall and lodging house in the vicinity of the plaza, taking into custody all who were armed or who showed signs of having taken part in the riot. During their operations the police raided the headquarters of I. W. W. members, where they claim to have found clubs and other weapons.

In the fight which ensued Rafael Adams, a Mexican, was shot and killed by Harry Keenigh and patrolman. The officer admits firing several shots into the crowd when he saw a Mexican point a revolver at another patrolman.

When the police arrived on the scene and began to clear the streets, stones were thrown and clubs used by the men who had been listening to speeches. Adams was one of the leaders in resisting and was shot.

The plaza finally was cleared and the disturbance ended.

AROUSED BY BREAKING GLASS.

Family of John A. Marshall Asks Police to Investigate.

Crashing of glass this morning about 5 o'clock aroused members of the family of John A. Marshall, residing at 1729 3d street northeast, and two unidentified men were seen walking from near the dwelling.

An examination of the premises disclosed a broken window pane, and the police were called upon to make an investigation. The men did not enter the house.

It is stated that several robberies have been committed in that section this winter.

Police are probably will increase the force there in an effort to apprehend the miscreants.

Building Permits.

Building permits today were issued to the following:

H. R. Howerstein, to build four two-story dwellings from 1374 to 1380 East Capitol street; architect and contractor, H. R. Howerstein; estimated cost, \$12,000.

G. A. Rock, to repair garage at 1803 14th street northwest; estimated cost, \$3,500.

Death of Mrs. Mary F. Cutler.

Mrs. Mary Frye Cutler died at her home, 1419 E. street northwest, yesterday after a long illness. The funeral will take place in Lewiston. Mrs. Cutler was the widow of Otis N. Cutler, and was seventy-four years old.

One son, Otis H. Cutler of New York, president of the American Brake Shoe and Foundry Company, and two brothers, Joseph and Allan Tebbetts, who live in the south, survive her. Mrs. Cutler was a cousin of the late Senator Frye of Maine, also a native of Lewiston.

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THE COURTS.

District Supreme Court.

EQUITY COURT NO. 1—Justice Stafford.

Jett agt. Jett; order dismissing bill; plaintiff's attorney, M. E. O'Brien; defendant's attorney, George H. Macdonald and A. C. Crouse.

Gates agt. Gates; decree quieting title; plaintiff's attorney, George C. Gertman; defendant's attorney, W. H. Gaines.

Sturges agt. Staples et al.; hearing on rule continued; plaintiff's attorneys, I. R. Hitt and T. L. Jeffords; defendant's attorneys, Bates Warren, Browne, Britton and Yerkess.

CIRCUIT COURT NO. 1—Justice Barnard.

Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway Company agt. Southern Railway Company; to submit motions for new trial to January 8; plaintiff's attorneys, D. S. Mackall and J. C. Gittings; defendant's attorneys, Hamilton, Yerkess and Hamilton.

Landhart agt. Souder; bill of exceptions submitted; plaintiff's attorneys, S. McComas Hawken and John Ridout; defendant's attorney, W. M. Lewis.

Sterrett agt. Shoemaker; appearance of Attorney M. E. O'Brien for plaintiff with drawn.

Jones agt. Washington Post Company; time to submit motion for new trial extended to January 9; plaintiff's attorneys, H. E. Davis and R. L. Miller; defendant's attorneys, W. J. Lambert and R. H. Yeatman.

Cross agt. Munsey; motion for leave to file amended declaration granted to be filed in ten days; plaintiff's attorneys, White & Riordan; defendant's attorney, W. J. Lambert.

Brady agt. Washington Railway and Electric Company; motion for new trial granted unless plaintiff remits \$2,500 in ten days; plaintiff's attorneys, Downey, Carmody & Mather; defendant's attorney, W. G. Johnson.

Simmons agt. Sullivan; motion for new trial overruled; judgment on verdict; appeal noted; bond for costs, \$100; plaintiff's attorneys, P. B. Rhodes and A. L. Sinclair; defendant's attorneys, J. A. O'Shea and Robert L. Williams.

McGee agt. Capital Traction Company; motion for new trial overruled; judgment on verdict; plaintiff's attorneys, A. S. Worthington and C. L. Frailey; defendant's attorneys, R. Ross Perry & Son and G. T. Dunlop.

CRIMINAL COURT NO. 1—Chief Justice Claiborne.

United States agt. Chester C. Hunter; non-suit; defendant committed.

United States agt. Arthur T. Werner; false pretenses; bench warrant issued.

CRIMINAL COURT NO. 2—Justice Wright.

Costello agt. Cotter; judgment on verdict for plaintiff for \$127.50 against defendant; plea of not guilty; defendant, John P. Donovan; plaintiff's attorney, Alexander H. Bell; defendant's attorney, J. W. Nichol.

BANKRUPTCY COURT—Justice Stafford.

In re George W. Blakenship; order of publication.

PROBATE COURT—Justice Stafford.

Estate of Jane A. Howser; will admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Henry T. Brian; bond, \$5,500; attorney, Charles T. Hendler.

Estate of Marianna Hundley; order of sale; attorney, Byron & Lyon.

In re Marshall L. Smith; order appointing Mary A. Smith guardian; bond, \$2,500.

Estate of John Lewis Smith; will admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Mary A. Smith; bond, \$1,500; attorneys, James B. Archer and John Lewis Smith.

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OFFERS \$500,000 IN NOTES TO FREE FATHER IN CELL

Young Tolman Would Cancel Paper and Close All His Loan Shops.

NEW YORK, December 26.—That Elmer E. Tolman, son and business successor of Daniel H. Tolman, a money lender, now serving a term of six months, is ready to surrender without reserve notes amounting to \$500,000, and go out of business to obtain a pardon for his father, is the statement last night by Benjamin F. Spellman, counsel for the Tolmans. Application for a pardon for Tolman was made to Gov. Glynn Tuesday.

Mr. Spellman said that Elmer E. Tolman was willing to meet any condition the attorney general might impose. In addition to surrendering the notes without reserve, he is prepared to have the state attorney draw up the papers in the case should those he had submitted fail to meet approval. Mr. Tolman, Jr., moreover, promises to close as many of his places of business as possible by January 1 and all of them by May 1, 1914. Should further evidence of good faith be desired the applicant would be willing to have the pardon made conditional upon the performance of all promises made.

The notes in question affect 25,000 people. It is said, and most of them represent loans of about \$20. This indebtedness would be canceled in each instance.

VICTIM OF VODOOISM.

Child's Death Results From an Attempt to Draw Blood.

HAVANA, December 26.—The murder of six-year-old Eugenia Hernandez November 25 at Artemisa, in the province of Pinar del Rio, in connection with the practice of "voodooism," is attributed to two negroes, Jose de la Cruz and Eugenio Cardenas, now under arrest.

According to those who investigated the crime, the negroes obtained the consent of the parents to draw blood from the child's body for the purpose of curing a sick woman named Salvadora Arjona.

The little girl was seized, but managed to free herself and ran to her mother, clinging to her skirts. This was repeated each time she saw the knife in the "voodoo" hand. The negroes then decided to wound the girl by an explosion of powder, but the explosion was so severe that it killed her.

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SCHOONER REPORTED SAFE.

The Augusta W. Snow Proceeding North, Says Wireless Message.

Wireless advices to the revenue cutter office early today from the U. S. S. Seminole reported the schooner Augusta W. Snow, Jacksonville to New York, safe and proceeding north. The Seminole left Wilmington, N. C., yesterday afternoon in response to a wireless message which stated that an unknown schooner, presumably the Snow, was in distress off Diamond shoals.

The message today from the Seminole came en route from Cuba to Hampton roads from the U. S. S. Ozark, which did not give the position of the Snow.

U. S. HOLDS TRADE BALANCE.

Amount for Eleven Months of Calendar Year, \$642,100,403.

November's foreign trade brought the balance of trade in favor of the United States against foreign nations to \$642,100,403 for the eleven months of the calendar year, while for the twelve months ending with November the excess exports over imports was \$738,320,768.

The exports for November totaled \$245,895, the second largest for that month in the last six years, being exceeded only by November, 1912. The imports were \$148,594,741, also the second largest for November in the last six years, November last year exceeding it by \$4,500,000.

Freight Rate Increase Suspended.

Advances in the charges on class freight shipments from eastern points to Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn., and beyond, ranging from 7 cents a hundred pounds on first-class freight to 10 cents on fifth class, today were suspended by the Interstate Commerce commission from January 1 until May 1, pending an inquiry.

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Pa Gets a Few Minutes to Himself



Appeal on Constitutional Issue.

Attorney General West of Florida to-day filed with the Supreme Court of the United States an appeal from the action of the federal district court for southern Florida in holding unconstitutional the 1913 Florida statute levy-

ing a tax on trading stamps. The court below held that this statute was an unlawful discrimination against merchants advertising in this way, and was a violation of the fourteenth amendment.

If you want work, read the want columns of The Star.

Dr. Alexis Carrel Weds in Paris.

PARIS, December 26.—Dr. Alexis Carrel of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York, was married here today to Mme. de la Marle. They will sail tomorrow for New York.

"Qualities High. Prices Low."